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**Amendments to the Specification:** 

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 18, with the following rewritten

paragraph:

-- It is very common practice in the art for programmers to divide each of the pages in a

web site into discrete areas so that different content can be placed in those different

areas. For example, banner advertisements are typically displayed on a page in a

predefined area. Typically, although there may be discrete areas defined on a page with

specific assigned content, the entire page remains under the control of a central authority.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 1, with the following rewritten

paragraph:

-- A primary object of the present invention is to provide a novel method and apparatus

for collecting information and transmitting and delivering the same between the

information provider and the end users at home, at work and on the road, while

overcoming the shortcomings and drawbacks of prior art system systems and

methodologies. -

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 1, with the following rewritten

paragraph:

-- A system and methodology are presented for allowing multiple parties in different

locations to create and maintain a grouping of related files and information and to make

the information available to end users over the internet. The system breaks each web

page into regions or screen space and then assigns access rights to each region. A single

page may be made up of one or two to a handful of regions. Each region is controlled by

a different party and is updated separately from the rest of the data on the page.

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Information which appears in one region may also appear on other regions on other pages, thus allowing the owner of the screen space to make a single update and have it appear throughout the site. Through the assignment of regions, it is impossible for one user to overwrite another user's data. Regions can also be assigned to advertisers giving them the ability to update their ad without having to go through a web master. These advertisers have access only to their regions and therefore the site owner does not have to worry about other areas on the site being changed by the advertisers or any other information provider for that matter. Regions of a web page are assigned to different content providers. The different content providers are allowed to collectively create and update their regions without interaction with the other content providers. The end result is a single web page filled from with information from many sources. -

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Screen space can be defined for every inch of a web site on every page that makes up the site or just on a few pre-determined pages. Where screen space is assigned and how it is used is up to the web site owner. The owner then assigns each screen space module to, for example, a "renter." A renter can be anyone from an employee of the web site owner, to another business, to an individual, or a government agency. Anyone with access to the content management device (such as a computer) where the site administration software (interface form) is located, and the content provider identifier, can use the system. The interface form can be located anywhere so long as it can be accessed by the content provider. It need no not reside on the content provider's local machine. -

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